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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD




SUBJECT: Meeting with Congressman Wolf's Staffer on Citizen Complaints

1. Yesterday, I stopped in Representative Wolf's office to speak with his staffer Michael Carlin about how we were handling the complaint of Mr. Robert Shortly, Evermay community resident, and to seek his support for our position.

2. I informed Carlin that I had told Mr. Shortly that we were willing to meet with him and him alone one last time. We were unwilling, however, to meet with him in a group composed of Mr. Maxfield, Evermay Community President, and other neighbors. The basis for this position is that Mr. Wolf asked us in a letter to hold this meeting with Mr. Shortly to hear him out and if possible to work some accommodation. Further, if Mr. Shortly wanted to have Mr. Maxfield represent his interests, we would consider meeting with Mr. Maxfield. Any meeting with Mr. Maxfield should be arranged through the Office of Public Affairs, not the Office of Congressional Affairs. Carlin agreed that this position was fair and that we should avoid meeting with groups of residents. If at all possible we should be only talk with duly designate representatives. Carlin said that if Mr. Maxfield calls him he will be referred to Public Affairs and Mr. Shortly informed, should he call again, of our decision.

3. Carlin and I further agreed that it is in the interests of Mr. Wolf and the Agency to try and keep citizen complaints out of the Congressional channel and that this avenue be used only as a court of last resort. He expressed his appreciation for our efforts to deal with these citizen problems indicating that he thinks we have reached the point of being more than fair.


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